



San Pu Kai Record

Monthly Newsletter of the San Pu Kai Bonsai Club



November 2017



President's Message

We are all back from the GSBF convention, it was nice to see so many of our members there. Several members entered their trees in the Judged exhibit.

All three exhibits were great, I enjoyed listening to several critiques on the judged exhibit. Even though Steve and I did a lot of behind the scenes work, we were able to enjoy several demos and check out a few workshops.

Last month we had a work on your own trees. Nice to see so many members bringing trees to work on. Let's keep it up!

We had great Halloween treats provided by Ute, thank you very much. This month treats will be provided by the Valentine's

November meeting, we will be having a bring your own tree or trees to work on, or get some advice from other members. It is always great to work on our trees. Time to start our winter work on our trees. We also will watch a video on accent plants.

If there is anyone who wants to learn to make my Washi Baco, Japanese paper boxes, I'll bring kits and you can learn to make one. Kits are \$5.00.

I also will tell you all about the 2 grants we were awarded from the GSBF board.

December meeting, we will have David Nguy

again, so you will not want to miss it. He will also be doing a work shop that afternoon, so if you are interested please let me know. \$50.00 gets you a spot in this wonderful workshop. David was one of the GSBF headliners. He also has his school set up at his home in Chino. Bonsai Jidai, www.bonsaijidai.com

Nice to have fall in the air.

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Upcoming Bonsai Events

California Shohin Society Seminar

Santa Nella, Ca

February 2-4 2018

I will have handouts available.

Signup ASAP, space is limited

Winter Silhouettes

LA Arboretum, Ayres Hall

January 13 & 14 2018

10:00am to 4:30pm

Bonsai-A-Thon XXII

GSBF Collection at The Huntington

San Marino, CA

February 24 & 25 2018

10:00am - 5:00pm

SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. Watch the location of trees at this time of year. Rotate them into more favorable light exposures. Allow them to continue storing strength and food for the winter. Late summer feeding, with reduced amounts of nitrogen, may be continued throughout the fall months into November. The recommended basic mix of 70% cottonseed meal, 30% bone meal may be supplemented with foliar feeding for evergreen, conifers and other non-deciduous material.

Warm spells are common at this time and trees often respond with new growth. This tender growth is susceptible to damage if any sudden cool weather occurs.

This is the best time to study the main trunk line and branch structure. Consider style changes suggested when the skeleton of the tree could be seen. Any activity after October should be limited to pot-to-pot transfers only. Wait until spring, just before new growth begins to do most repotting. Additional potting information for specific species is available in the recently published book, *BONSAI IDEAS*, by Marty Mann.

Expose pine trees and other conifers to full light during the forthcoming months. This encourages the formation of new candles and healthy root formation. Much of the new growth forms after the pines are de-candled early in May or June. New growth appears in clusters of three to five candles. Remove all but two. Pluck all old needles to free the tree from a dense foliage mass to permit light and air to penetrate into the heart of the tree and encourage new interior growth.

Deciduous trees will begin to show fall colors as soon as cooler nights become more common. After they have had their moment of glory, be sure to remove any brown leaves as they appear. Keep the trees free

of accumulated trash that can house many undesirable wintering insects and encourage fungus buildup. Keep the trees open, light and airy.

Cut back on your watering schedule but don't allow the trees to dry. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent hot spells.

Continue to rotate all trees to maintain even exposure to the limited light conditions. This is the time for trees to store food for winter dormancy. It is also the time to keep trees free of accumulated trash. They could be the home for winterizing insects and fungus.

Keep up applications of an all-purpose insecticide and fungicide. Insect, such as aphids continue to suck sap and can be best controlled with an oily or systemic pesticide. Watch for signs of fungus infection such as dark spots on needles and leaves or a white powdery substance at the base of the leaves. Fungus infection can be prevented with applications of a copper-based Bordeaux® or Daconil® is effective for above ground infections.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 14, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, November 18, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Saturday, December 2, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday
Tuesday, December 12, 2017	6:00 - 9pm	San Pu Kai Bonsai Club Meeting: 973 Vale Terrace Dr. Room #108, Vista
Saturday, December 16, 2017	9am - Noon	San Diego Zoo Safari Park Bonsai Pavilion Workday